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## 24<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week Concluded

The 24<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week was celebrated from 1-7 Baisakh 2076 (14-20 April, 2019) with the theme "Co-operation for wildlife conservation". The one week program reflected on the importance and conservation needs of wildlife and biodiversity and emphasized on the need to understand and manage the relationship between nature, wildlife and human. The weekly program was started with radio speech to public by Honorable Minister Shakti Bahadur Basnet, Ministry of Forest and Environment (MoFE) & banner inauguration in first day of the program. Likewise, Birds watching, art competition, poem recitation, interaction on construction of large infrastructure & wildlife conservation, cleaning of Patan Durbar Square, Discussion on the research report, interaction on Otter conservation program were completed.

The closing ceremony program was chaired by Mr. Man Bahadur Khadka, Director General of DNPWC. Mr. Gopal Prakash Bhattarai, Deputy Director General of DNPWC delivered his welcome speech on the program of 24<sup>th</sup> Wildlife week. The Chief guest of the program, Honorable member of National Planning Commission, Dr. Krishna Prasad Oli, released the Biodiversity Profile of Apinampa Conservation Area and the book "Conservation and management of biodiversity in the protected areas of Nepal."

On the closing ceremony, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Chalise, Professor and wildlife researcher was honored from National Wildlife Conservation Prize 2075 and Mr. Puskar Bahadur Sing was honored from Wildlife Conservation Prize 2075. On this ceremony altogether 18 people (Government staff, INGOs/NGOs staff, local conservation leaders and journalist) were rewarded with the Cash Prize and certificates for their outstanding effort on wildlife conservation. Along with this, students with outstanding performances in poem and art competitions winner awarded with Cash Prize and certification.



On this program Mr. Man Bahadur Khadka, Director General of DNPWC, handed over the sample of wildlife friendly infrastructure prototype(model) to the Director General of Road Department.

The Chief Guest of the closing program, Honorable Member of National Planning Commission, Dr. Krishna Prasad Oli appreciated for the different conservation programs on Nepal. He emphasized on the fact that decreasing rate of the illegal trade of wildlife and human wildlife conflict. He expressed his concern on the doubling the tigers till 2022. On the program former secretary, Government of Nepal, Dr. Swayambhuman Amatya, Mr. Bishwa Nath Upreti, former Director of General

of DNPWC, Prof. Dr. Mukesh Kumar Chalise, Mr. Puskar Bahadur Sing, President of Buffer Zone management committee also spoke about the importance of wildlife conservation. Mr. Man Bahadur Khadka, Director General of DNPWC and the Chairperson of the program highlighted that the Department is working with the community for biodiversity conservation. He also thanked to different communities and individuals making noteworthy contribution towards wildlife conservation. About 400 Participants comprising students, conservationists and development partners, media persons along with high level government representatives accompanied the event.

## World Environment Day was Celebrated



World Environment Day (5<sup>th</sup> June 2019) was celebrated with the slogan **"Fresh Air: Healthy Life"**, at Nepalgunj, Banke. Rt. Honorable President Bidhya Devi Bhandari inaugurated the workshop of **"Environment Conservation and Climate Change."** On the program, she urged to conserve the environment so as to lessen the climate change. Moreover, she stressed on the importance of personal effort for the sustainable environment conservation. She further pointed out

the need of the government to make strong policies and strategies. She also emphasized on the effective program to be carried out from the different levels on the environment conservations. At that time, Rt. Honorable president Mrs. Bhandari planted the mango tree in the premises of Division Forest Office, Banke and highlighted on the campaign **"One house, one tree"**. Honorable Minister Shakti Bahadur Basnet(MoFE), Province Minister, Member of Parliament along with

highlevel official attended the program.

Honorable Minister Shakti Bahadur Basnet (MoFE), expressed that positive role of every person is needed to make balance the environment. On the morning time, rally was carried out over the Nepalgunj on the leadership of Ministry of Forests and Environment.

## Snow Leopard found in Dolakha

According to information given by Gaurishanker Conservation Area (GCA) on the special occasion of World Environment Day (June 5, 2019), three number of Snow Leopard were captured first time on 11 November 2018 at the height of 4,087

meters from the sea level in Lapchi area of GCA by Camera Trapping Method which was carried out in Gaurishanker Conservation Area from September 2018 to May 2019. It is supposed that 300-400 individuals of Snow Leopard are found in Nepal.

## Tourist and revenue in Protected Areas

Altogether 6,62,930 tourists including 2,52,954 Nepalese and 4,09,976 foreign tourist visited the different protected areas remaining under the Department of

National Park and Wildlife Conservation, this year. During this period, Rs.68,00,43,277 revenue was collected from the Department and Protected areas.

## Swamp Deer and Blue Bull count in Shuklaphanta National Park

The number of Swamp Deer was count in Shuklaphanta National Park this year. According to the count, the total number of this species was found 2,246.

Similarly, Altogether 82 Blue Bull was found in the Shuklaphanta National Park. Out of them, adult male 16, adult female 40, sub-adult male 2, sub adult female 7 and juvenile 17 was recorded. The counting was carried from 14-28 April, 2019. On the count, Technician of National Parks, Nepal Army and National Trust for Nature Conservation staff was involved.

# National Workshop of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau

Central level Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) organized the first two days National Workshop in Kathmandu. The workshop was held on the chairmanship of Mr. Man Bahadur Khadka, Director General of Department of National Parks and wildlife Conservation and co-ordinator of Central Wildlife Crime Control Bureau. Chief guest Honorable Minister Shakti Bahadur Basnet (MoFE) and Special guest Dr. Bishwa Nath Oli, Secretary of the Ministry of Forests and Environment were present there. Chief Guest of the program Honorable Minister Shakti Bahadur Basnet (MoFE) inaugurated the program by lightening the lamp on Panas. Mr. Gopal Prakash Bhattarai, Deputy Director General of DNPWC and Member Secretary of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau delivered the welcome speech on the program.

In addition, interactive discussion on wildlife crime control, formulation policies, modern technology, ability of the employers, participation of local communities for controlling the crime was carried out in the event. Panelists were Dr. Rajendra K.C., Deputy Director of Department of Forests and Soil Conservation, Dr. Bishwa Nath Oli, Secretary (MoFE), Mr. Santosh Mani Nepal, Senior Director of WWF Nepal.

The Chief guest Honorable Minister Shakti Bahadur Basnet (MoFE) highlighted about the human casualties, human wildlife conflict, wildlife farming. The Chairman of the program Mr. Man Bahadur Khadka,



Director General of DNPWC pointed out the need for joint participation for wildlife conservation, wildlife crime control and local community's involvement on conservation. Furthermore, Mr. Santosh Mani Nepal, Senior Director of WWF Nepal, Dr. Ramchandra Kandel, Deputy Director General of DNPWC, Mr. Pradip Bhattarai, Senior Officer of SAWEN, Mr. Madhav Khadka, Senior manager of WWF Nepal, Mr. Mahendra Khadka, and Deputy Superintendent of Police delivered their research findings and insights regarding the wildlife crime control.

The workshop was held in presence of the coordinator of all 27 districts level wildlife crime control units as well the concerned officer and focal person of Central level wildlife Crime Control Bureau.

In the discussion session, Mr. Bishnu Prasad Thapaliya (Assistant Conservation officer of Banke National Park) collected the different advices from the participants on the action research and reporting system of wildlife crime. The facilitator of the session Mr. Shyamsundar Bajimaya, Former Director General of DNPWC presented the program in nutshell and Mr. Prakash Shrestha, coordinator of the Nepal Tiger Trust prepared the report.

The Chairman of the program, Mr. Man Bahadur Khadka, Director General of DNPWC and coordinator of center level Wildlife Crime Control Bureau expressed his sincere gratitude to all the participants of the workshop in his closing remarks.



## International Biodiversity Day Concluded

Nepal celebrated International Biodiversity Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2019 with the slogan **"Biodiversity for food and healthy life"** organizing the various programs. The program was inaugurated by Honorable Minister Shakti Bahadur Basnet, MoFE, by planting the *Michelia champaca* in the bank of Manohara river, Pepsicola. Secretary of MoFE, Dr. Bishwo Nath Oli, Head of the department, government

staffs, conservationist and local people also planted different species on this occasion.

Honorable Minister Shakti Bahadur Basnet, MoFE, emphasized on the fact that biodiversity is the most important for the human existence. He expressed his concern for the conservation of biodiversity from the grass root level in collaboration with all the Nepalese people.

## Documentary/ Filming in Protected Areas

In the fiscal Year 2075/076, altogether 26 foreign and 16 Nepali documentary/filming was shooting in the Protected Areas of Nepal, under the Department of National Park and Wildlife Conservation. From the documentary/filming shooting, government collected forty seven lakhs 55 thousands 3 hundreds 42 rupees and 25 paisa revenue. The number of films and revenue both are increased in comparison to the previous fiscal year. Revenue rate has been changed for the shooting of documentary/ filming in the Protected Areas, according to Gazette published on 15 October, 2018.

## Death of Wildlife in Protected Areas

Altogether 499 wildlife died due to various reasons in the fiscal year 2075/076. Among them 235 wildlife from the natural death whereas 3 due to the poaching and 261 due to other reasons. The categorizations of dead wildlife are 49 Rhinoceros, 16 Tigers, 6 Elephants, 37 Leopards, 4 Snow Leopards and 4 Musk Deer. 661 number of wildlife are rescued during this period and total 3,934 people are arrested in the smuggling and other cases for the investigation.

## Insurance in Apinampa Conservation Area.

This year, insurance was done for 20 people who were permitted to collect Yarsagumba (*Ophiocordyceps sinensis*) in Apinampa conservation area first time in the history. The fund for the insurance is one million per person and is valid for 45 days only.

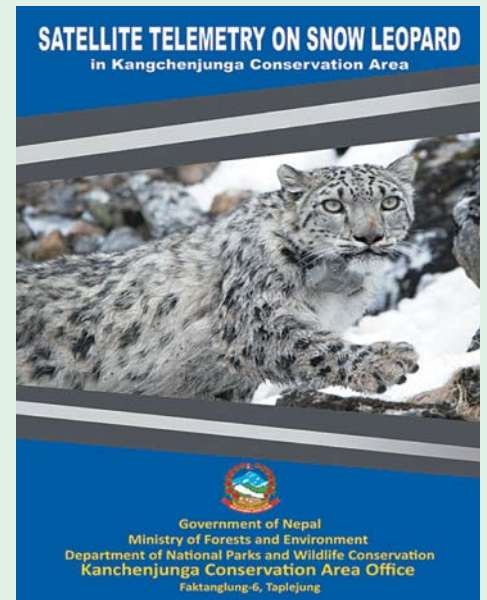
During the Yarsagumba collection time, Mr. Shersingh Bohara (18yrs), of Apihimal rural municipality died at around 10 a.m. on 12 June 2019.

Similarly, Mrs. Gaumati Badal, inhabitants of Duhu rural municipality, got wounded around at 2 p.m. on 27 June 2019. Further process has been forwarded for the needed insurance for both victims.

## Newly born elephant calf

An elephant named Damdamikali, aged 16, of Koshi-Tappu Wildlife Reserve gave birth to a female calf on 24 June, 2019 at around 10:30 p.m. Along with this, two calves were born in Koshitappu Wildlife Reserve this year.

## The book on Snow Leopard published



The book "satellite telemetry on Snow Leopard" in Kangchenjunga has been published. This book particularly focused on the progressive study of Snow Leopard in Kangchenjunga Conservation Area. The study was carried out from 2013 to 2017, setting the satellite telemetry on 2 male and 2 female Snow Leopard. It is hoped that the book will be helpful to impart the information on Snow Leopard for the future researchers.

## Tiger captured in Chitwan National Park

The tiger was captured on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2019 by the technician of Chitwan National Park and kept it under CCTV surveillance to watch the behavior. This tiger attacked Mr. Faijaraj B.K. of Batukdal Battalion in Chitwan National Park near his duty station.

## Human Casualties

Khadendra Kumar Mahato, resident of Bharatpur Metropolitan City-28, was killed by rhino when he was returning from the fishing on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

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